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Search Report of German Patent Office dated October 19, 2004 concerning

related German Patent Application No. 103 50 120.7, priority of which is claimed in this

application.

CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY (Non-English Language Documents Only)

All of the documents identified on the accompanying PTO-1449 form are

mentioned in the Search Report of the German Patent Office dated October 19, 2004, copy transmitted herewith, from which the relevancy of the documents can be observed.

STATEMENT REGARDING TRANSLATIONS

English language translations of the non-English language documents are not

available to Applicants' attorney apart from counterpart English language patent

documents identified herein.

STATEMENT OF CUMULATIVE INFORMATION

Canada Patent 2 141 467 corresponds to DE 44 02 624.

Canada Patent 2 245 160 corresponds to DE 296 15 385.

European Patent Application EP 0 721 846 corresponds to DE 695 15 836.

STATEMENT OF TIMELINESS

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted prior to the mailing date of

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The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

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